Union Church of Biddeford Pool Presents

SUMMER 2020 SPEAKER SERIES

Our 19th Year, Literally. Our 1st coming to you Virtually!

New starting time, 7PM

Thursday July 9, Ann Hood — New York Times Best-selling Author and Editor's Choice Author

We are delighted to welcome back Ann Hood, author of the best-selling novels Somewhere Off the Coast of Maine, The Obituary Writer, The Book That Matters Most, and The Knitting Circle as well as the memoir Comfort: A Journey Through Grief, chosen as one of the top ten nonfiction books of 2008 by Entertainment Weekly. Ann's most recent book is Kitchen Yarns: Notes in Life, Love and Food. New York Times Book Review writes, “Hood is larger than life, living, loving, and grieving on an operatic scale.”

Thursday July 23, Michael Koryta — New York Times Bestselling Author of 15 Crime Fiction and Supernatural Thrillers. This former private investigator and newspaper reporter’s work has been praised by, e.g., Stephen King, James Patterson, Dennis Lehane. If She Wakes is his latest novel, set in Maine. Those Who Wish Me Dead was named the summer’s best thriller by both Amazon and Entertainment Weekly (Angelina Jolie film due in 2020). Koryta’s books have won the Los Angeles Times Book Prize, Barry Award, Alex Award, and have been selected as “best books of the year” by publications as diverse as the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, O the Oprah Magazine, Entertainment Weekly, and People.

Thursday August 6, Abdi nor Iftin — Refugees International Advisor & Author

Somalian-born, and now proud US Citizen, Abdi’s memoir Call Me American recounts his harrowing, extraordinary, and uplifting story of his life in Somalia and subsequent journey to become a legal resident of Maine, an author, and a TED Talk speaker. The New Yorker writes, “Riveting... [Iftin] had to endure famine, war, a precarious life as a refugee, and a visa-rejecting bureaucracy before a green-card lottery win, in 2014, enabled him to emigrate. His narrative is both panoramic and particular, full of irreverent asides, and suffused with appreciation for the humanity of others.”


Via Zoom Call at 7PM. To register for the Series, contact Elaine Robinson, 283-1398, or erobinson4@maine.rr.com. You will receive an email with Zoom call information. Donations gratefully accepted. 100% of proceeds benefit charities such as Seeds of Hope, Stone Soup Food Pantry, Ever After Mustang Rescue, and Saco Meals. Send check made out to “Union Church” with “Speaker Series” in subject line to UC Treasurer, PO Box 344, Biddeford Pool ME 04006.